

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-22 (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) In a computing environment wherein decorative panels are displayed using cells of software tables, wherein cells of software tables have at least one of attributes of the individual cells specified or images displayed in the cells such that ~~cells a~~ plurality of cells of software tables appear as a single cohesive-unit forming at least a portion of a ~~decorative-panels panel~~, a method of automatically updating at least one of attributes ~~in of~~ individual cells or images in individual cells to change the appearance of a decorative panel, the method comprising:

displaying a decorative panel by displaying ~~elementcells in of~~ a software table, ~~the software table including a plurality of cells where cells of the software table spatially correspond to spatial regions of the decorative panel, and wherein displaying a software table is performed, according to attributes specified for visually related regions of the decorative panel~~ such that ~~elements displayed in cells~~ cells of the software table are displayed as a ~~cohesive~~ single unit forming at least a portion of the decorative panel, by displaying cells with at least one of attributes specified for a cell, or images in cells displayed to form a single unit;

receiving user input specifying a change in the appearance of ~~the visual properties of the decorative panel;~~

mapping changes in the appearance of ~~the visual properties of the decorative panel~~ to cells in the software table; and

automatically revising at least one of attributes of ~~the cells~~ cells or images in cells, without a user needing to manipulate individual ~~cells~~ cells, to correspond to the changes in the appearance of ~~the visual properties of the decorative panel.~~

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein receiving user input comprises receiving input from a graphical user interface.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein receiving user input comprises receiving input from a script code.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein receiving user input comprises receiving user input specifying at least one of adding a new decorative panel, relocating the decorative panel, resizing the decorative panel, adding an individual region to the decorative panel, relocating a region of the decorative panel or resizing a region of the decorative panel.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the software table comprises HTML table code.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein automatically revising attributes of the cells comprises automatically revising the HTML table code.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein automatically revising attributes of the cells comprises automatically generating the HTML table code.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the method is performed by a Web page design tool, the method further comprising generating predefined comment lines usable by the Web page design tool such that the Web page design tool recognizes the HTML table code as corresponding to decorative panels.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising evaluating the HTML table code against predetermined inference rules to determine if the HTML table code corresponds to a predefined pattern recognized as a valid decorative panel.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising, if the HTML table code no longer corresponds to a predefined pattern recognized as a valid decorative panel then indicating that the HTML table code is broken.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising generating or revising a panel partition tree, wherein the panel partition tree comprises a hierarchical structure of nodes corresponding to regions of the decorative panel.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the nodes of the panel partition tree defines bounded areas of regions by Web page document coordinates.

35. (Currently Amended) A physical computer readable medium comprising computer executable instructions configured to perform the ~~method of claim 23~~ following acts:

displaying a decorative panel by displaying cells of a software table, where cells of the software table spatially correspond to spatial regions of the decorative panel, and wherein displaying a software table is performed such that cells of the software table are displayed as a single unit forming at least a portion of the decorative panel, by displaying cells with at least one of attributes specified for a cell, or images in cells displayed to form a single unit;

receiving user input specifying a change in the appearance of the decorative panel;

mapping changes in the appearance of the decorative panel to cells in the software table; and

automatically revising at least one of attributes of cells or images in cells, without a user needing to manipulate individual cells, to correspond to the changes in the appearance of the decorative panel.

36. (Currently Amended) A system for automatically updating a software table used for displaying a decorative panel, the system comprising:

a processor;

a display in communication with the processor;

a memory in communication with the processor and storing computer executable instructions that cause the processor to perform the following:

display a decorative panel at the display by displaying ~~elements~~ cells of in a software table, ~~the software table including a plurality of cells, according to attributes specified for visually related regions of the decorative panel~~ where cells of the software table spatially correspond to spatial regions of the decorative panel, and wherein displaying a software table is performed such that elements displayed in cells of the software table are displayed as a cohesive single unit forming at least a portion of the decorative panel, by displaying cells with at least one of attributes specified for a cell, or images in cells displayed to form a single unit;

receive user input specifying a change in the appearance of ~~the visual properties of the decorative panel;~~

map changes in the appearance of the visual properties of the decorative panel to cells in the software table; and

automatically revise at least one of attributes of ~~the cells or images in cells,~~ without a user needing to manipulate individual cells, to correspond to the changes in the appearance of the visual properties of the decorative panel.

37. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein elements displayed in a software table comprises images.